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Purpose

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement in Massachusetts ensures compliance with federal wildlife laws that protect threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, certain marine mammals, fishes and native species. Service agents also carry out

U.S. enforcement obligations under international agreements. These laws and agreements include:
African Elephant Act
Airborne Hunting Act
Archeological Resources Protection Act
Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
Endangered Species Act
Exotic Wild Bird Act
Lacey Act
Marine Mammal Protection Act
Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp Act
Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended
National Wildlife Refuge Act
Recreation Act

Enforcement Activities

Criminal Investigators

- Investigate alleged violations of federal fish and wildlife laws protecting migratory birds, bald eagles and threatened and endangered species.
- Investigate illegal interstate commerce in fish and wildlife and related products.
- Work undercover, conduct surveillance, make arrests and prepare court cases.
- Assist in resolving law enforcement problems on national wildlife refuges.
- Investigate fish and wildlife deaths caused by contaminants.
- Make presentations about wildlife law enforcement to school groups and respond to inquiries about federal wildlife laws.

Wildlife Inspectors

- Check documents, licenses and permits at ports of entry.
- Inspect shipments to ensure that protected species are not illegally imported or exported.

Highlights

The resident agent in charge provides supervision for the criminal investigators and wildlife inspectors assigned to field stations throughout New England. Criminal investigators conduct joint investigations into commercial violations of federal wildlife law with the Massachusetts Environmental Police, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, National Marine Fisheries Service, and U.S. Attorney's Office. Wildlife inspectors work closely with inspectors from the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection at the Port of Boston and ports of entry located on the Canadian border to stem the flow of illegal wildlife into the United States.

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